

UNSHAKABLE FAITH

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Unshakable Faith: Standing Strong When Facing Death

Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. Matthew 7:24-25

World Religion Views of What happens When You Die:

- I) _____ happens.
- II) You _____ to Earth.
- III) You Discover _____.
- IV) You Return to _____.
- V) You Enter _____ or Soul Slumber.
- VI) You Arrive in _____.
- VII) You Arrive in _____.

Fundamental Facts about Death:

- I) Our _____ with death.

So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man. Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life. 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

A) Biblical Truths to Remember:

- 1) _____ produced death.

(a) For the wages of sin is death... Romans 6:23a

(b) The sting of death is sin... 1 Corinthians 15:56a

- 2) Sin and death passed from _____ to all humanity.

When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. Romans 5:12

- 3) _____ has an appointment with death.

And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment, Hebrews 9:27

- II) Our _____ through death.

- A) We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:8 NKJV
- B) Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:4 NKJV
- C) 2 Corinthians 5:1-5

III) Our _____ after death.

- A) Earthly people are like the earthly man, and heavenly people are like the heavenly man. Just as we are now like the earthly man, we will someday be like the heavenly man. 1 Corinthians 15:48-49
- B) Many of those whose bodies lie dead and buried will rise up, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting disgrace. Daniel 12:2
- C) For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23
- D) He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power. 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 (NIV)
- E) 4 Kinds of Suffering:
 - 1) _____ suffering.
 - 2) _____ suffering.
 - 3) _____ suffering.
 - 4) _____ suffering.
- F) The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent. 2 Peter 3:9
- G) Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons. Matthew 25:41

IV) Our _____ in death

- A) Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life. 1 Corinthians 15:22
- B) But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! 1 Corinthians 15:51
- C) 1 Corinthians 15:42-44
- D) It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never

die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies. Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. 1 Corinthians 15:52-56

E) 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

V) Our _____ over death.

A) Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

B) But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died. 1 Corinthians 15:20

So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

1 Corinthians 15:58

What am I doing before I die about what happens after I die?

I) _____ in Jesus.

And now he has made all of this plain to us by the appearing of Christ Jesus, our Savior. He broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News. 2 Timothy 1:10

II) _____ in eternity.

How do I face death with Unshakable Faith?

I _____ in Jesus and then _____ for Jesus.